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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regard to the practice of laying hens to moult in order to produce more eggs. In forced moulting, the hen's food is withheld for several days. This is a cruel and inhumane practice and also increases the risk of salmonella. I am asking you to please ban this practice.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn A. Watkins

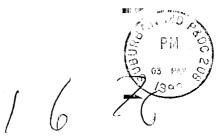
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